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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:EINV, EFIN, BGEN, NI

SUBJECT: AIG

REF: LAGOS 1914; B) STATE 36563

1. FEBRUARY 15, AIG'S LAWYER (BROWER OF WHITE & CASE) TELEPHONED AF/W AND READ ALOUD DRAFT OF LETTER FROM AIG TO DANJUMA. LETTER SUMMARIZES BACKGROUND OF AIG COMPLAINT, OUTLINES PROVISIONS OF GONZALES AND HICKENLOOPER AMENDMENTS AND REQUESTS HIGH LEVEL MEETING AT WHICH COMPANY CAN PRESENT TERMS OF COMPROMISE PROPOSAL. FROM DRAFT, WE GATHERED COMPANY HAS SOUGHT TO BRING TERMS OF COMPROMISE TO ATTENTION NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. WE ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF COMPANY'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD. BROWER TELEPHONED FOLLOWING DAY TO SAY THAT HE WAS INFORMING US UNOFFICIALLY AND OFF THE RECORD THAT COMPANY'S NIGERIAN ATTORNEY (EGBE) HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY TERMS OF COMPROMISE PROPOSAL TO PERMSEC OF TRADE ALHAJI AS IF THEY WERE HIS OWN IDEA THAT HE WAS TRYING OUT ON ALHAJI. BROWER
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DID NOT KNOW REACTION, IF ANY, TO THIS APPROACH, OR WHETHER APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE.

2. WE ASKED FOR NEWS OF ALHAJI'S REACTION AS SOON AS IT CAME TO HIS ATTENTION.

3. WE SUMMARIZED FOR BROWER THE EMBASSY'S ARGUMENTS

AGAINST RAISING AIG CASE WITH DANJUMA IN WASHINGTON
(REF A). WE SAID WE HAD NOT YET DETERMINED HOW TO
PRESENT AIG CASE, IF AT ALL, TO DANJUMA AND WOULD
NOT MAKE DECISION UNTIL DANJUMA'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM
IS FIRM.

4. BROWER DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER ROCKEFELLER HAS
AGREED SEND LETTER TO OBASANJO AS PROPOSED REF B.

5. LETTER BROWER READ TO US WILL NOW PROBABLY BE
SIGNED BY GEORGE ABOUZIED, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF AIG.

6. BROWER GAVE US INFORMATION PARA ONE IN CONFIDENCE.
PLEASE DO NOT INFORM LEFEVRE OR OTHER COMPANY OFFICERS
THAT HE HAS DONE SO. VANCE

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